be blamed because it has delayed the modernisation for decades. Therefore, instead of directing the question to me, you kindly attend to the problem. I want you to specify as to how long you will take to modernise it instead of giving sermons on the reasons of delay for the idle-wage payment.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The hooligans are not cooperating for modernisation. You should know that also.

*445. [The questioner (Chaudhary Harmohan Singh) was absent. For answer, vide col...infra.]

Import of feature films by doordarshan

*446. SHRI RAJESHWAR RAO: †
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of feature and short films that were imported during the last three years and from which countries;

(b) what was its total value.

(c) what has been done about these films after their import; and

(d) what is Government's present policy about such imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V. Rajeshwar Rao.

Statement

(a) and (b) During the period 1989 to 1992, Doordarshan obtained the telecast rights of 24 feature and short films from United Kingdom, Singapore, France and Spain for an amount of US$ 114,600.

(c) 19 of the 24 films have already been telecast by Doordarshan. The remaining 5 will be telecast depending upon its programme requirements.

(d) According to the current export import policy Doordarshan can import cinematographic feature films and video films without a licence provided it obtains from the administrative officer, Central Board of film Certification or any other officer designated for the propose by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting the certificate to the effect that the film has:—

(i) won an award in any of the International Film Festivals notified by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India; or

(ii) participated in any of the official sections of the notified International Film Festivals; or

(iii) received good reviews in prestigious film journals notified by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Sir, he has not replied to what I have asked. Now, I want to know from the hon. Minister as to what the mechanism is by which the films are selected. This is my first supplementary.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Could you kindly repeat?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the mechanism by which the films are selected?

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Sir, the mechanism is by the Select Committee.

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: There should be a mechanism to select films. The Select Committee consists of certain members. What are the criteria?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you already laid down the criteria?

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Yes, Sir. It is mentioned in part (d) of the answer.

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Is there any committee constituted to select all these films? And, if so, when was it constituted?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you have anything to say on this?

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: The Committee is selected by a panel of the Doordarshan. There are five non-officials who are members of this Committee. These people are eminent journalists, media consultants, theatre personalities and administrators.

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: When was this Committee constituted?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Andhra Pradesh Government's request for floating Bonds

*443. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have sought permission for floating bonds for improving the communication network in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In November 1991 the Andhra Pradesh Government had approached the Government of India for approval for floatation of bonds for financing the road communication in the state.

The present Scheme of Public Sector Bonds is restricted to only those undertakings which are wholly or partly owned by Central Government, State level undertakings are to be governed by SEBI guidelines on debentures. Borrowings by the State Government are governed by the standard requirements of financing annual plan as approved by the Planning Commission.

अनिवासी भारतीयों द्वारा निवेश में कमी

*445. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में अनिवासी भारतीयों के माध्यम से होने वाले विदेशी निवश की दर में लगातार कमी आ रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अनिवासी भारतीयों को दी गई रियायतों का फायदा केवल बड़े विदेशी निवेशकों को ही हो रहा है ;

(घ) सरकार की इस संबंध में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ङ) सरकार द्वारा अनिवासी भारतीयों को दी गई रियायतों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?